

Washington, DC - Congressman John Adler, a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, released the following statement after President Obama signed the Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009 into law. The law will secure timely and predictable funding for the veterans health care system and will help the Department of Veterans Affairs provide more effective care.

"The brave men and women who served our country deserve quality and reliable health care," Congressman Adler said. "We must ensure that our veterans are not turned away or let down due to bureaucratic red tape. This law will ensure that the VA receives the funding needed each year to serve our veterans."

Under the new law, Congress will write and approve two budgets for the VA this year: one to provide fiscal 2010 total funding and another to provide fiscal 2011 funding for certain VA medical accounts. Now, veterans' health care can be funded one year in advance and will not be subject to political or legislative delays.